

Our Lady Help of Christians



30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

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TODAY WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A time of joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth. During Advent we are asked to pray especially for migrants, refugees and expectant mothers.

MICHAEL LONG R.I.P. Please pray for Michael and his family and friends. The Requiem Mass is on Friday 5th December at 11am.

JOSEPHINE LOEBENBERG R.I.P. Please pray for Josephine and her family and friends.

BLESSING OF INFANT JESUS FIGURES & NATIVITY SCENES. On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday 14th Dec) Father Aaron invites you to bring to Mass infant Jesus crib figure and/or Nativity scenes to be blessed at all Masses.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 30th November

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Sat. 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Alan Counter RIP

11am Mass – Paul Kibble RIP

Week 1st – 6th December

Monday

N.B. 7pm Exposition

Tuesday

N.B. 7pm Mass Elmer & Brian Padilla RIP

Wednesday – St Francis Xavier

10am Mass Jim Begley – 90th Birthday

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday

N.B. 10.30am Mass Michael Gallen RIP

Friday

N.B. 11am Requiem Mass for Michael Long RIP

Saturday – St Nicholas

*N.B. 10am Exposition & the Rosary with
Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions*

**Confession: Saturday at 5.30pm
or by appointment**

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6pm Mass – Christopher Glover RIP

**9.15am Mass – in thanksgiving for the
Johnston family**

**11am Mass – Parishioners
12.30pm Baptisms**

THE REPOSITORY is open after all Masses for Christmas cards, Nativity cribs, Advent calendars, etc.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: Mary Joyce, Rob Vallance, Alan O'Brien, Judy Phillips, Gabriel Mariano, Ashley Wolsey, Tina Elliot, Angela Widdup, Kristina Gonzalez, Lucy Orchard, Sophie Milton, Wilfrido Zabarte, Mike Povey, Pat Lynch, Alban Pentony, Jenny Emrys-Roberts, Barney Barker, Lorraine Elworthy, Maria Messina, Howard Hopper, Gwen Bruno, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Carmela Tomkins, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Tim Buckell, Valli Alimon, Christopher Brown, Kevin Luddington, Victor McGrath, William Simmons, Marie McMahon, Patricia Bygrave, Amy Macanlalay, Thomas Hazell, Margie Oliver, Mark Fitzpatric and Cathy Fahy.

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE on Friday 12th December at 6pm with an international theme. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards, please bring along a plate of finger nibbles of your traditional Christmas bites. Mulled wine, wine and soft drinks will be provided.

EPIPHANY DINNER planned for Saturday 3rd January 2026, cost £25 per person, includes 4 course dinner, live music - full bar available. See poster in Church porch for further details. Tickets limited to 80 will be on sale after all Masses from weekend 6th/7th December.

THE WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN GROUP on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm in the hall are having their annual Christmas Dinner, followed by Carols. Cost £25 per person, a four-course silver service dinner. Full bar available. Dress code something Christmassy. There's no meeting and everyone is welcome to attend with no obligation. Please contact Vernon DeCruz (01932343737 leave a message if no reply) or please email v.decruz@btinternet.com.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING for parents on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the STM room. If you have a child for Baptism, please see Father after Mass and complete the Baptism Enquiry Form prior to attending the meeting. The forms are in the porch.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and return it to the parish office. The envelopes are in the church porch. There will be a general second collection for Christmas flowers next weekend.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH on Saturday 6th December 12:30pm for 1pm in the hall. The team are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a festive meal. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and indicate any food allergies and if you would like transport. Any queries please contact Gill Luff on 01932343684.

A MEMORIAL MASS to remember the life and ministry of Fr John Garry SPS at St Barnabas Catholic Church, East Molesey, KT8 9LF on Friday 5 December at 7pm. All are warmly invited and refreshments will be served afterwards.

ADVENT. The 2025 online Advent Family Pack from CELEBRATE is filled with engaging activities, ways to pray, books to savour and films to enjoy, helping families prepare for the Feast of the Nativity. Download the free pack: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>. If you can, please consider donating towards the cost of producing the pack, suggested donation: £4 for families, £20 schools and parishes.

CHRISTMAS MASSES. Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm and on Christmas Day at 9.15am and 11am. The 5pm Mass will be particularly suitable for children who are warmly invited to come dressed in nativity costumes. If your child would like to do a bidding prayer or the offertory at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, please see Rosanna after 9.15 Mass or email her by Tue 9th Dec: rosannaleney@gmail.com. Please let Rosanna know the name and age of the child who would like to volunteer.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall

Bookings - contact Chris Geary

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For St Thomas More Preschool

Enquiries email Rhoda

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SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS:

Fr Aaron will be available to sign your form at 6-6.30pm on Monday 8th December and Monday 5th January. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate with your completed form.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING. There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Christmas services on Saturday 20th December from 10.30am onward.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION (Confession) will take place on Monday 22nd December from 7pm.

ROSARY DEVOTIONS for the first Saturday at 10am on 6th December.

THE CRAFT CLUB is meeting on Wed 3rd Dec in the STM Room from 10.30am. Newcomers welcome and drinks available. For any queries, please contact Janet on 07917346287.

TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE OF MUSIC & PRAYER. Come and join us prepare for Christmas at St Dunstan's Church on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm for about an hour, followed by refreshments.

NBCW (National Board of Catholic Women) December Newsletter includes Advents events and resources. Please see their newsletter in the church porch or you can access it online: <https://sueschurchpage.blogspot.com/2025/11/december-2025-newsletter-from-arundel.html>. The newsletter includes a piece on catholic influencers and social media that should be of interest to younger Catholics.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH for those who are alone at Christmas at Parkview Community Centre, Sheerwater. To attend / help please see the poster in the porch or sign up online:

<https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/helpers>
or <https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/drivers>
or <https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/guests>

WEST BYFLEET COMMUNITY Christmas Tree Festival – “The Christmas Story” at St John’s Church, West Byfleet, with trees decorated by local community groups depicting the Christmas story. Sat. 6 – Tue 9 Dec. Free entry /donations welcome. Please see the poster in the porch for further details or contact Geoff: jones.g.jones@btinternet.com.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) meeting on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the St Thomas More room.

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINES’S Christmas Fair Saturday 6th December 2pm to 4.30pm at the Home, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone KT15 1QR. Everyone welcome. Any monies raised will be used to provide entertainment & outings for residents.

READERS MEETING. Fr Aaron is holding a session for Mass readers at 12 noon on Saturday 10th January. Please can all new and existing readers attend.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION: Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 nd Dec	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
3 rd Dec	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
3 rd Dec	Baptism Preparation Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
6 th Dec	Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 12.30 for 1pm
8 th Dec	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
8 th Dec	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
9 th Dec	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
10 th Dec	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
12 th Dec	Parish International Carol Service, Church, 6pm
13-14 Dec	Woking Foodbank Collection
17 th Dec	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
3 rd Jan	Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm
10 th Jan	Readers Meeting, 12 noon, Church
19 th Jan	Reconciliation, FHC & Confirmation Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
12 th Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John’s Church, 9.30am
1 st Feb	New Parishioners Lunch, Hall, 12 noon